Eradication of Manual Scavenging

1574. SHRI SOM PAL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the scheme to eradicate manual scavenging has run into serious trouble ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the main obstacle in its way is the inadequacy of existing municipal laws ; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to overcome the difficulty ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) The scheme for eradicating manual scavenging is being implemented by removing the cause for the same namely dry latrines. The Scheme for conversion of dry latrines into low cost sanitation units is funded by the Central Govt, through a mix of loan and subsidy being extended to the urban local bodies with a population of less than 5 lakhs through HUDCO. The Scheme has shown uneven progress as earlier the Scheme was being funded on a total grant basis which has now been converted into a mix of loan for all categories and subsidy only for the EWS/LIG. As urban local bodies have not been familier with procedures relating to institutional finance, the progress has not been to the extend expected.

In order to prevent the recurrence of the problem of dry latrines, the State Govts. have been requested to direct the municipalities to amend their bye-laws, wherever necessary, to avoid recurrence of the problems of dry latrines in urban areas where the programme of low cost sanitation for the removal of manual scavenging has been undertaken on a "whole town" basis.

12.00 NOON. The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Papers to be laid on the Table.

श्रीमती कमला सिन्हा : महोदया, . . . (व्यवधान)

उपसभापति : आप लोगों को इस बात का मालूम है कि जब तक टेबल के ऊपर पेपर्ज मैं नहीं ले करवा लूंगी तब तक आपको कुछ बोलने की अनुमति नहीं दूंगी । तो क्योंकि मेरी तवज्जह आपकी तरफ चली [गई इसलिए आप बैठ जाइए ।

Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the National Institute of Urban Affairs, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : Madam, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers :—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Urban Affairs, New Delhi, for the year 1990-91, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—1509/92]

I. Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation , New Delhi and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India, Kanpur and related papers.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI K. KAMALA KUMARI) : Madam, I lay on the Table — a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956 :—

I. (a) Second Annual Report and Accounts of the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation, New Delhi, for the year 1990-91, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Corporation. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—1429/92]

II. (a) Eighteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Artificial Limbs Ma nufacturing Corporation of India, Kanpur, for the year 1990-91, togethert with the Auditors' Report on the Accouns and the comments of the Comptrol General of India thereon.